



THE GENESIS OF THE CITY.

Alexandria had a glorious past—its future is most inviting.

Alexandria was originally known as "Hunting Creek Warehouse," from a building in which tobacco was stored. This was in 1730. The land on which the city stands was patented by the authorities to Capt. Robert Hoxen in 1652. John Smith, as early as 1608, passed the site of the city on his way up the river ending at the falls of the Potomac. The Duke of Beaufort, in 1677, Capt. Hoxen sold his patent to John Alexander for 6,000 pounds of tobacco. From the name of this owner, the city was named, although for a time the settlement around the tobacco warehouse was called Belhaven, and its one street bore the name of Oronoco, so called from the tobacco brought here.

In 1748 the Virginia House of Burgesses appointed trustees to design, build, carry on and maintain what is now the city of Alexandria. The town grew slowly. In 1767 a young surveyor, George Washington, the town grew slowly. In 1767 a young surveyor, George Washington, the town grew slowly. In 1767 a young surveyor, George Washington, the town grew slowly.

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THE HEAD OF THE CITY.

The Municipal Government and the Men Who Administer It.

The municipal affairs of Alexandria are managed economically, on business principles, and taxes are kept within bounds consistent with demand. A legacy of debt left over from other days is being gradually wiped out. It cost a little more than \$140,000 to run the city last year, the largest items of expense being for interest, schools, police, lighting, firemen and street work.

The city is governed under a general law by a council of twenty-four members, eight belonging to the Board of Aldermen and sixteen to a Common Council. The Aldermen are as follows: 1st Ward, Hubert Snowden, E. S. Lead-

beater, Harry R. Burke, Thos. L. Rish-ell; 2d Ward, Henry Baader, Henry Strauss, Louis Brill, Julian Y. Wil-son; 3d Ward, W. H. Helmutz, J. T. Harrison, Robert L. Monroe, J. Fred Birrell; 4th Ward, L. E. Uhler, Frank C. Spinks, Jr., Charles B. Marshall, Frank T. Brown, J. M. Hill, Jacob Brill; 5th Ward, W. R. Ballenger, F. F. Marbury; 6th Ward, W. N. Curtin, Henry K. Field; 7th Ward, W. H. Sweeney, J. M. Hill, Jacob Brill, J. M. Hill, Jacob Brill.

The executive officers of the city are: Mayor, E. F. Price; Auditor, T. W. Robinson; Treasurer, Samuel P. Fisher Corporation At-orney. The other officers of the corporation are: S. G. Brent, Common-wealth's Attorney; C. H. Callahan, Commissioner of Revenue; P. F. Gorman, Collector of Taxes; E. C. Dunn, City Engineer; F. W. Latham, Superintendent of Public Works; W. L. Craven, Steward of Offices.

The jurisdiction of the city extends over an area of only 713 acres, and as it is one of the most compactly built cities in the country population is ex-tended over the boundaries into Alex-andria and Fairfax counties. Its en-largement by taking in new territory is not as easy as in the case of other cities which are a part and parcel of the counties in which they exist. Alex-andria city is a part of Alexandria coun-ty in a territorial sense. Many cities have swelled their population by taking in outlying towns. For example Athens, Ga., covers 4,640 acres, nearly seven times the area of Alexandria, and its population is less than 12,000.

THE SOUL OF THE CITY.

Fine Religious and Moral Influences at Work in Alexandria.

Churches are the various streams flowing from the fountain-head of true civilization. On these streams float to us the commerce of the ideal, the intellectual and the spiritual world. The waters of their arts and sciences. The rush of their currents turns the ponderous machinery of government and social life. In the garden of the unpre-judiced unbelief sees in every church the tree of life.

We talk of civilization, but both the moral and the material. Philo-sophers roots are in the church. Philo-sophy is not to be the religion of humanity. The great argument and unmeasurable answer to all inquiry is Christianity itself. Sunshine needs no argument to win for it the right of stamp speech to life. Christian truth is angel advocate to plead its cause. Numberless hospitals and orphan as-ylums, flashing like jewels around the lums, flashing like jewels around the lums, flashing like jewels around the lums.

There are three churches and two chapels of this denomination in Alex-andria. The Episcopal Church, on the square bounded by Washington, Cameron, Col-umbus, and King streets is perhaps the most interesting from the fact that both George Washington and Robert E. Lee were at times members of its communion. The Washington pew is still preserved. The church is open daily to visitors. Its history dates back to 1671. The churchyard is a garden of graves will be found, with old-fash-ioned head stones. Regular services are held, the rector being the Rev. W. J. Morton.

From 1761 until 1811 it was called "the Episcopal Church." On June 9, 1814, it was consecrated by Bishop Claggett, under the title of "Christ Church," by which it is now known. The members of the church are: Robert E. Lee were at times members of its communion. The Washington pew is still preserved. The church is open daily to visitors. Its history dates back to 1671. The churchyard is a garden of graves will be found, with old-fash-ioned head stones. Regular services are held, the rector being the Rev. W. J. Morton.

THE HEART OF THE CITY.

Benevolence a Prominent Trait of Life in Alexandria.

No regular census of benevolent and charitable work has ever been taken in the United States. The government has compiled figures relating to public and private institutions for the depend-ent classes, the blind, deaf and feeble-minded, but to take anything like an accurate census of the aid extended by societies and individuals would be most difficult. But the opinion of those qual-ified to speak is that in the past decade has witnessed a doubling of the inter-est that the successful and the fortun-ate can show for the poor and the unfortunate. As the number of associa-tions has multiplied, so also have the lines of activity increased. Charity has been reduced to a science, and there are those who make it a profession. The work has been practically revolutionized.

The activity of a decade or two ago was palliative rather than curative. The effort was mainly to relieve dis-tress rather than to remove its cause. The question is now being asked: what calls for a cure. The charity sub-ject in days gone by was treated as an individual. Today he is treated as a member of a class, and the effort is to treat him on his feet, so that he may not only stand of his own will, but may also lend a hand to others.

The eighteenth and nineteenth cen-turies American were given to the conquest of wild men and wild lands. The twentieth century will be given to even better work. It will be devoted largely to the conquest of poverty and ignorance, and for this reason the work of the children of the nation this will be brought about. What the period makes of itself depends on what it makes of the children. Here lies the key to the future. The tendency is now taking a practical shape in handling the poor, the unfortunate and the incompetent. Socie-ties are being organized for the relief of the children of the nation this will be brought about. What the period makes of itself depends on what it makes of the children. Here lies the key to the future.

The Free Methodist Church is at 424 S. Lee. Rev. A. W. Myer is pastor. The Baptist Church is on Fairfax near Duke, and Rev. J. M. Poliss is pastor. The Village Chapel is on Gibbon near Patrick. The Presbyterian Church is a worker and is in the prin-ciple of the mind. Strict with itself, it is charitable to the world and allowing personal choice in mem-bers of its ordinances, it yet holds with tenacity to its cardinal beliefs. No or-ganism is a more hearty worker, none more devoted, few if any more Christian. It is an active missionary, a powerful example and a high inspira-tion. Christian effort and Christ-like living are urged by it and it has done and is doing much for the world.

THE EYES OF THE CITY.

The Police, the Fire Laddies and the Military.

The Alexandria Police Department has always been kept up to a high standard and for this reason serious crimes are rare in the city. Criminals give Alexandria a wide berth, for the reputation of the Alexandria police force is such that they are not likely to be caught. The department is composed of the Mayor and members representing the different wards, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 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